

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2008.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Concluded hearings to review legislation amending the Commodity Exchange Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GSA'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on GSA's Capital Investment Program: Fiscal Year 2009. Testimony was heard from David L. Winstead, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, pp. D841–842)

H.R. 6304, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence. Signed on July 10, 2008. (Public Law 110–261)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 14 through July 19, 2008

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately, 3 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of S. 2731, Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act, and consider certain amendments.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: July 16, to receive a closed briefing on the status of negotiations with Iraq on a strategic framework agreement and a status of forces agreement, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 15, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, 10 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 15, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine summer air travel, focusing on addressing congestion and delay, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 15, to hold hearings to examine S. 3233, to promote development of a 21st century energy system to increase United States competitiveness in the world energy technology marketplace, and S. 2730, to facilitate the participation of private capital and skills in the strategic, economic, and environmental development of a diverse portfolio of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies within the United States, to facilitate the commercialization and market penetration of the technologies, 10 a.m., SD–366.

July 16, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 2354, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey 4 parcels of land from the Bureau of Land Management to the city of Twin Falls, Idaho, S. 3065, to establish the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area and the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area, S. 3069, to designate certain land as wilderness in the State of California, S. 3085, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a cooperative watershed management program, H.R. 3473, to provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest, H.R. 3490, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, H.R. 3651, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard, H.R. 2632, to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and S. 2448, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to make certain technical corrections, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 16, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's licensing and relicensing processes for nuclear power plants, 10 a.m., SD–406.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ways to make the nation's highways safer for travelers, 10:30 a.m., SD–408.

Committee on Finance: July 15, to hold hearings to examine international enforcement of intellectual property rights and American competitiveness, 10 a.m., SD–215.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine leveraging innovation to improve health care quality for all Americans, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 15, to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Zimbabwe and prospects for its resolution, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

July 16, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine North Korea's declaration of the Six-Party Talks, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 15, to hold hearings to examine the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336), focusing on ways to determine the proper scope of coverage, 10 a.m., SD-106.

July 16, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine childhood obesity, focusing on declining health of America's next generation (Part I), 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 15, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gus P. Coldebella, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine global nuclear detection architecture, focusing on ways to build domestic defenses to combat a possible future attack, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 16, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the human capital crisis at the Department of State, focusing on its global implications, 2 p.m., SD-342.

July 17, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine financial institutions located in offshore tax havens, focusing on ways to strengthen United States domestic and international tax enforcement efforts, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

July 17, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine major disaster recovery assessing the performance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) since October 2007, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 17, to hold an oversight hearing to examine tracking sex offenders in Indian country, focusing on tribal implementation of the Adam Walsh Act (Public Law 109-248), 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 15, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Google-Yahoo agreement, focusing on the future of internet advertising, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

July 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's detainee policies and the fight against terrorism, focusing on sound legal foundations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 3155, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, S. 2746, to amend section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide that statutory exemptions to the disclosure requirements of that Act shall specifically cite to the provision of that Act authorizing such exemptions, to ensure an open and deliberative process in Congress by providing for related legislative proposals to explicitly state such required citations, S. 3061, to authorize appropriate

provisions for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and S. 2838, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: July 16, to hold hearings to examine administrative and management operations of the United States Capitol Police, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Special Committee on Aging: July 16, to hold hearings to examine smart ways Americans can save for their retirement, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 16, Subcommittee on Speciality Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review efforts to deliver international food aid and provide foreign agricultural development assistance, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, July 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on A New U.S. Grand Strategy, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on nuclear weapons complex modernization, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, July 16, hearing on Getting Better Value in Health Care, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, July 15, hearing on Is the Department of Labor Effectively Enforcing Our Wage and Hour Laws? 10:45 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 17, full Committee, hearing on Mayor and Superintendent Partnerships in Education: Closing the Achievement Gap, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Next Steps Toward Permanent Nuclear Waste Disposal," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Climate Benefits of Improved Building Energy Efficiency," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "What Your Broadband Provider Knows About Your Web Use: Deep Packet Inspection and Communications Laws and Policies," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 16, hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "GAO Report on Regulation B: Should Lenders Be Required to Collect Race and Gender Data of Borrowers for All Loans," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 16, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3202, Foreign Service Overseas Pay Equity Act of 2007; H. Res. 937, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the emergency communications services provided by the American Red Cross are vital resources for military service members and their families; H. Res. 1008, Condemning the persecution of Baha'is in Iran; H. Res. 1069, Condemning the

use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children; H. Res. 1159, Recognizing the historical significance of the United States sloop-of-war Constellation as a surviving witness to the horrors of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and a leading participant in America's effort to end the practice; H. Res. 1254, Supporting the values and goals of the "Joint Action Plan Between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United States of America to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and Promote Equality," signed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and the Brazilian Minister of Racial Integration Edson Santos on March 13, 2008; H. Con. Res. 344, Recognizing that we are facing a global food crisis; H. Con. Res. 361, Commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope; and H. Con. Res. 371, Strongly supporting an immediate and just restitution of, or compensation for, property illegally confiscated during the last century by Nazi and Communist regimes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Aiding American Businesses Abroad: Government Action to Help Beleaguered American Firms and Investors, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Venezuela: Looking Ahead, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 15, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "Assessing the Framework and Coordination of the National Emergency Communications Plan," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

July 15, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure, hearing entitled "The Next Step in Aviation Security—Cargo Security: Is DHS Implementing the Requirements of the 9/11 Law Effectively?" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

July 16, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Implementing the 9/11 Act Mandates for Enhancing the Visa Waiver Program," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

July 16, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "One Year Later—Implementing the Biosurveillance Requirements of the '9/11 Act.'" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

July 17, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Challenge of Aligning Programs, Personnel, and Resources to Achieve Border Security," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 15, Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws, hearing on Competition on the Internet, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, to continue hearings on "From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rules, Part IV," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the following bills: H.R.

6064, National Silver Alert Act; H.R. 5898, Silver Alert Grant Program Act of 2008; and H.R. 423, Kristen's Act Reauthorization of 2007, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the Reauthorization of the U.S. Parole Commission, 4 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

July 17, full Committee, to continue hearings on "From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rule, Part V," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 15, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2297, Arizona National Scenic Trail Act; H.R. 2299, Southern Nevada Limited Transition Area Act; H.R. 5335, To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trails segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 5671, To amend the laws establishing the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area and the Columbia River National Gorge National Scenic Area, units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to retain and utilize special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the operation of marinas in the recreation area and the operation of the Multnomah Fall Lodge in the scenic area, and for other purposes; H.R. 5853, Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act; H.R. 6159, Deafy Glade Land Exchange Act; H.R. 6176, To authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6305, To clarify the authorization for the use of certain National Park Service properties within Golden Gate National Parks and San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 15, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3437, Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2007; H.R. 2535, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act; and H.R. 5293, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 16, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 160, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act; H.R. 4828, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Boundary Expansion Act of 2007; H.R. 5751, Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2008; H.R. 5853, Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act; H.R. 6176, To authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 6177, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Extension Act of 2008; H.R. 2933, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007; H.R. 3299, To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land; H.R. 3336, Camp Hale Historic District Study Act; H.R. 3849, Box Elder Utah

Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 3437, Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2007; H.R. 2535, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act; H.R. 5293, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act; and H.R. 5350, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 17, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on Successes and Challenges of the Interagency Group on Insular Affairs, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 15, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, to mark up H.R. 6322, Public Charter Schools Home Rule Act of 2008; followed by a hearing on H.R. 5600, District of Columbia Court, Offender Supervision, Parole, and Public Defender Employees Equity Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on AFRICOM: Rationales, Roles, and Progress on the Eve of Operations, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Examining Contractor Performance and Government Management of Retroactive Pay for Retired Veterans with Disabilities, 11:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 17, full Committee, hearing on Business Practices in the Individual Health Insurance Market: Terminations of Coverage, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, July 14, to consider H.R. 415, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

July 15, to consider the following bills: H.R. 5959, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009; and H.R. 3999, National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act of 2007, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, July 15, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on the Role of Non-Governmental Organizations and Universities in International Science and Technology Cooperation, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, oversight hearing on Low-Level Plutonium Spill at NIST-Boulder; Contamination of Lab and Personnel, 11 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

July 16, full Committee, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3957, Water Use Efficiency and Conservation

Research Act; H.R. 2339, Produced Water Utilization Act of 2007; and H.R. 6323, To establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 16, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on Ensuring Continuity of Care for Veteran Amputees: The Role of Small Prosthetic Practices, 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

July 17, full Committee, hearing on Small Business Administration's Contracting Programs and Recent GAO Examination of Programs, 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 16, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Coast Guard Icebreaking, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Improving Roadway Safety: Assessing the Effectiveness of the NHTSA's Highway Traffic Safety Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, July 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Advertising to Help: Where is VA's Strategic Plan? 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

July 15, full Committee, to mark up pending legislation, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, July 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on State Coverage Initiatives, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

July 17, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Establishing a Modern Poverty Measure, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 15, executive, briefing by Ambassador Chris Hill, 3:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

July 17, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterterrorism, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: July 16, to hold hearings to examine racism in the 21st century, focusing on understanding global challenges and implementing solutions, 11 a.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: July 15, to hold hearings to examine the Supreme Courts recent decision in *Boumediene v. Bush*, focusing on foreign terrorism suspects held at Guantanamo Bay detention facility, 2:30 p.m., 2200, Rayburn Building.